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STATE FARMS SHOW PROGRESS

PETROHRAD STATE FARM -- Zemedelske Noviny, No 114, 15 May 49

The State Farm in Petrohrad consists of 2,100 hectares of land, of which 1,900 are arable. Seventy hectares are devoted to hop-raising. A total of 165 people, including 57 Poles, are employed in the 11 farms which make up the State Farm. The farm has 25 tractors, only 15 of which were available in time for the spring work. The following table shows the distribution of crops.

Crop	No of Ha Planted	Expected Yield Per Ha (Quintals)	Okres Av (Quintals per Ha)
Winter wheat	146	20	18
Rye	182	17.5	17
Spring barley	102	19	
Poppy seed	26	14	6
Potatoes	93	135	110
Sugar beets	53	255	230

It is hoped to increase all these yields slightly in fulfilling the alternate plan.

Thirteen light sic centners of hops are expected per hectare, while the okres average is eight light centners per hectare.

A total of 91 hectares are sown to oats, 28 hectares to feed beets, 21 hectares in clover for fodder, 85 hectares in alfalfa, 150 hectares to green mixture, and others.

The farm has 59 cows, in addition to other domestic animals. Some of these cows are Dutch red and white, and others are Danish.

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red. Their average milk production increased from a maximum of 6.9 liters per day to 7.1 - 7.9 liters per day as soon as machine milking was introduced in April.

The rates at which the pigs on the farm gained weight are given below.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Daily Increase Per Head (kg)</u>		
	<u>Pigs up to 30 kg</u>	<u>Pigs up to 60 kg</u>	<u>Pigs up to 90 kg</u>
Jan	.25	.37	
Feb	.35	.53	.85
Mar		.57	.74

**SPRING WORK PROGRESSES ON STATE FARMS -- Zemedelske Noviny, No 118, 20 May 49**

During the week of 6 - 13 May, 2,944 hectares were plowed on state farms, 3,913 hectares were dragged, and 9,625 hectares were planted and sowed. Following is the amount of work done in the whole country as of 13 May:

<u>Type of Work</u>	<u>Ha Worked</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
Plowing	50,753	98.7
Dragging	132,156	99.3
Planting and sowing	126,648	89.3
<u>Slovakia:</u>		
Plowing, dragging	130	59
Sowing		
<u>Czech Provinces:</u>		
Plowing		98
Dragging		99
Sowing		89.9

**MULBERRY TREES PLANTED -- Svoobodne Slovo, No 114, 15 May 49**

The food farms have pledged to begin mulberry cultivation in order to raise silkworms. So far they have announced that they will plant 25,000 hectares in mulberries.

**DUCKS RAISED ON STATE FARMS -- Zemedelske Noviny, No 115, 17 May 49**

At the end of 1948 the Czechoslovak State Farms had only 780 ducks. By the end of 1949 this number is to be increased to 6,600. The number of ducks raised in the Czech Province rose from 546,000 in 1945 to 786,000 in 1948, but this is still far below the prewar level of 1,579,000.

In order to raise meat quickly the state farms are concentrating on the Peking breed of duck. These will be raised particularly in southern Bohemia.

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